

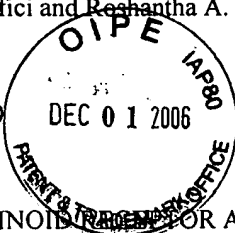
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PATENT APPLICATION  
DOCKET NO.: 3774.1026-008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Maurizio Pacifici and Reshantha A. Chandraratna  
Application No.: 09/552,823  
Filed: April 20, 2000  
Confirmation No.: 3454  
For: USE OF RETINOIDS FOR ANTAGONISTS OR AGONISTS IN THE  
TREATMENT OF CARTILAGE AND BONE PATHOLOGIES

Group: 1618  
Examiner: Zohreh A. Fay



Date: 12-01-06  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned attorney petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Notice of Appeal in reply to the Office Action dated June 1, 2006 for three month(s) from September 1, 2006 to December 1, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

In lieu of filing a Notice of Appeal, the Applicants are filing a Continuation application concurrently herewith.

	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Other than Small Entity</u>
1 month -	\$ 60	\$ 120
2 months -	\$ 225	\$ 450
3 months -	\$ 510	X \$1,020
4 months -	\$ 795	\$1,590
5 months -	\$1,080	\$2,160

- ☒ A check is enclosed in the amount of the extension fee indicated above, or the extension fee has been included in the check with the accompanying Reply.
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